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## Press Release

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### **Washington Resident Indicted for PFD Fraud**

**Juneau** – The State of Alaska Department of Revenue has announced that, on September 24, 2015, Washington resident Olivia Stamper (36) was indicted by a Grand Jury on twelve counts each of Unsworn Falsification in the First Degree and Theft in the Second Degree, and one count of Scheme to Defraud on the basis of applications for the Permanent Fund Dividend Stamper submitted for herself and three minor children between 2010 and 2013.

The indictment alleges that Stamper wrongly applied for and received funds for PFDs between 2010 and 2013 totaling \$13,331.00.

Under the law, a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The crime of Unsworn Falsification in the First Degree relates specifically to providing false information on or in the context of an application for the Permanent Fund Dividend; if convicted of the crimes of Unsworn Falsification in the First Degree, and/or Theft in the Second Degree, each of which is a class 'C' felony, Stamper would face a maximum penalty of a definite term of imprisonment of not more than five years and a maximum fine of not more than \$50,000. If convicted of the crime of Scheme to Defraud, which relates to conduct constituting a scheme to obtain \$10,000 or more by false or fraudulent pretenses and is a class 'B' felony, Stamper would face a maximum penalty of a definite term of imprisonment of not more than ten years and a maximum fine of \$100,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Criminal Investigations Unit of the State of Alaska, Department of Revenue, which is the agency tasked with investigating fraud against the Permanent Fund Dividend program, in cooperation with the State of Washington Division of Social and Health Services.

According to the Department of Revenue, the Criminal Investigations Unit has submitted a total of 19 PFD cases to the Office of Special Prosecutions for prosecution and has had over \$66,500 in restitution ordered so far during 2015. Additionally, over 80 cases comprising have been remanded to the PFD Division for additional action after investigation.

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